

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6370

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 1955

Mr. CARNAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To provide for the establishment of the Foreign Affairs Strategic Advisory Board.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That, in order to assist the President in conducting the inter-
4 national affairs of the United States and in waging a counter-
5 offensive and counterstrategy in the "cold war" initiated and
6 maintained by international communism, to enable the United
7 States vigorously to mobilize its resources on all fronts in
8 an unswerving determination to defend its security and free-
9 dom, and to establish continuity of foreign policy on a coordi-
10 nated basis, there is hereby established the Foreign Affairs
11 Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board").

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1 DUTIES OF THE BOARD

2 SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Board to make a
3 continuing study and evaluation of conditions in the United
4 States and abroad which affect international affairs, and par-
5 ticularly the security and freedom of the United States and
6 of the rest of the free world, including ways and means
7 of mobilizing the full and coordinated power of the free world
8 in the "cold war" struggle, and to advise and consult with
9 the President to assist him in formulating and implementing
10 the foreign policy of the United States in these respects.

11 MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

12 SEC. 3. (a) The Board shall be composed of nine mem-
13 bers, five of whom shall be appointed by the President, by
14 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, solely on
15 the basis of their knowledge, ability, and experience in the
16 field of international affairs generally. The heads of the
17 following Departments will be ex-officio members of said
18 Board: Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency,
19 the United States Information Agency, and the Department
20 of State. No appointive member of the Board shall be less
21 than forty years of age.

22 (b) The appointive members of the Board shall serve
23 for terms of ten years, except that the five members first
24 appointed shall serve for terms of two, four, six, eight, and

1 ten years, respectively, as designated by the President at
2 the time of appointment.

3 (c) (1) Any vacancy occurring in the appointive
4 membership of the Board shall not affect its powers, but
5 shall be filled in the same manner in which the original
6 appointment was made.

7 (2) Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring
8 prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor
9 was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such
10 term.

11 (3) Any vacancy existing in the appointive member-
12 ship of the Board for more than one year shall be temporarily
13 filled by majority action of the remaining appointive mem-
14 bers of the Board. Such temporary appointee shall serve
15 until an appointment is made as provided in paragraphs
16 (1) and (2) of this subsection.

17 (4) Upon the expiration of his term of office a mem-
18 ber shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed
19 and takes office.

20 ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

21 SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary of State shall at his pleasure
22 preside at the meetings.

23 (b) The appointive members of the Board shall elect
24 one of its members who shall serve as its Chairman and

1 preside at all meetings not presided over by the Secretary
2 of State.

3 (c) The Board shall meet at regular intervals (not less
4 often than once each month), and at such other times as the
5 Board may decide and as the President may direct.

6 (d) Three appointive members shall constitute a quorum.

7 COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

8 SEC. 5. Each appointive member of the Board shall re-
9 ceive compensation at the rate of \$25,000 a year, and shall
10 in addition be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other
11 necessary expenses incurred by him in the performance of
12 the duties vested in the Board.

13 STAFF OF THE BOARD

14 SEC. 6. The Board shall have power to appoint and fix
15 the compensation of such personnel as it deems advisable.

16 POWERS OF THE BOARD

17 SEC. 7. (a) The Board, or any member thereof when so
18 directed by the Board, may, for the purpose of carrying out
19 the duties vested in the Board by this Act, hold such hear-
20 ings and sit and act at such times and places, and take such
21 testimony, as the Board or such member may deem advis-
22 able. Any member of the Board may administer oaths or
23 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the Board or be-
24 fore such member.

25 (b) The Board is authorized to secure directly from any

1 executive department, agency, independent establishment,
2 or other instrumentality such information, suggestions, esti-
3 mates, and statistics as it may require in carrying out its
4 duties under this Act; and each such department, agency,
5 independent establishment, and instrumentality is authorized
6 and directed to furnish such information, suggestions, esti-
7 mates, and statistics directly to the Board upon request
8 therefor made by the Board.

9 EXPENSES OF THIS ACT

10 SEC. 8. There are authorized to be appropriated such
11 sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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